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The Honorable Thomas Sawyer  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Sawyer:

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I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury or even death if radio interference caused the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

John R. Alsop Jr.  
854 Shoshone Ave.  
Akron, Ohio 44305

P.S. I am retired and enjoy the hobby but I can't afford to buy a new radio on my social security.

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2-4-93

THE HONORABLE TOM SAWYER  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

DEAR SIR:

I HAVE DERIVED MANY YEARS OF PLEASURE IN  
MODEL AIR PLANES AND RADIO CONTROLS IN MY LIFE TIME.  
I AM NOW RETIRED AND HOPE TO CONTINUE ENJOYING THIS  
HOBBY.

February 5, 1993  
2921 Shebrook Drive  
Uniontown, OH 44685

Dear Congressman;

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I am writing in regards to the FCC's proposed  
ruling, NPRM-PR Docket 92-235, which, if imple-  
mented, would have a profound effect on the

Dear Mr. J. Sawyer

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May I start by saying that I have been interested in aviation as long as I can remember. I also have made my living in aviation. I am very active in the sport of Model Aviation as well and I belong to a very active club. The members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model aircraft. From this I derive many hours of enjoyment from my sport.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the FCC. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for Model use and increase the risk of (accidents and attendant liability) of controlling model airplanes.

Now the FCC wants to create more Land Mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result this will move closer the Radio Control frequencies and cause interference and causing a Safety problem. We use 50 frequencies now only 19 frequencies will be left if new rules are adopted. I own 4 radio systems now if new rules are passed I will lose the use of 2 of these radios. If I continue the use of these 2 radios, sharing with mobile frequencies will increase the likelihood of an accident. At this time OUR SAFETY RECORD is very good and I would not like to see that change. We go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operator and bystanders and the protection of property. This is accomplished by coordination and use of radio control frequencies and again the remaining frequencies will become congested with the margin of safety being greatly decreased.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve operating conditions of Land Mobile radio users at the expense of Radio Control Modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our Models and Radio equipment the hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me to continue the safe enjoyment of my sport by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 Mhz bands.

Sincerely

Joseph S. Curley

2-23-93

The Honorable Tom Sawyer  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Sawyer.

I am very concerned about the safety of people and property in and around model airplane flying fields if the proposed changes under P.R. Docket 92-235 are adopted by the Federal Communications Commission.

Please help us keep the airways safe so  
we can enjoy our pastime by not allowing  
the F.C.C. to carry out its proposals for

2-4-93

The Honorable Thomas Sawyer.  
U.S. House of Reps.

Dear Mr. Sawyer, FEB 17 1993

I am retired, and derive many hours of enjoyment, from constructing and operating Radio Controlled model airplanes.

I am very concerned about Proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the F.C.C. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies, currently assigned for model use, and increase the risk of accidents.



are far enough<sup>2</sup> apart, from the land mobile frequencies, that we have to be able to share the band, without either us interfering with the other.

Now the F.C.C. wants to create more land mobile frequencies, by splitting them into narrower bandwidths, and rearranging the band plan. As a result many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies, and cause interference to radio control operations.

The F.C.C. may not think we are as important, as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models, and in our

February 3, 1993

Mr Honorable Thomas Sawyer  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

FEB 12 1993

Re: P.R. Docket 92-235

Dear Mr. Sawyer,

I am writing you about the proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the FCC. The proceeding is P.R. Docket 92-235, if adopted the new rules for the 72-76 megahertz band will insure and greatly reduce the reliability of frequencies now assigned for model use and would increase the risk of accidents and liability for controlling model airplanes.

I am retired and I get many hours of enjoyment from building and flying radio controlled model airplanes. I am a member of the Hobbygas Model Airplane Club along with more than 300 other members. Our club membership consists of women and children as well as men. We put on shows at churches and flying shows that are always public and no charge. We have a young flyers training program, picnics, and various other show & sell programs. We get an intense interest from all who see these shows and we have a good follow thru to get new members.

Most all of our members have 3 to 5 (and some even more) planes and radios ready to go.

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you can see by this letter, that it is a great concern to many of us in the Akron Area that the invasion of our presently approved FCC Channels of radio operation would put us all out of business and should not be permitted.

Please help me and our fellow members to continue to enjoy safe and reliable model flying by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal.

Thank you

Paul D. Baker

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1/31/93

The Honorable Tom Sawyer  
U.S. House of Reps.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

1-31-93

Dear Mr. Sawyer:

Please Help me.

I have been building model aircraft since I was 6 years old. I started flying radio controlled aircraft in 1970. The experiences of R/C flying greatly helped when I began studying for my private pilot license in 1977. For the last 1-1/2 years I have been the president of our local flying club whose members are very active building and flying radio controlled aircraft of all types, including gliders, helicopters, scale and sport aircraft. I also instruct new flyers of all ages to become competent flyers.

I am very concerned about the proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for the otherwise very safe sport of controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move close to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control model aircraft, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

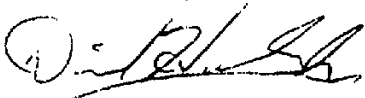
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We often fly our aircraft at organized events and competitions where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models, support equipment and radio equipment. I personally have 4 radio units which were purchased to comply with the narrowing bandwidth plan approved through the FCC approximately 4 years ago. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and many of our participants are physically challenged. In addition the hobby contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me to continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,



David Houk Jr.

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Congressman T. Sawyer  
411 Wolf ledges  
Akron Ohio

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Subject Federal Communication Commis  
Rule Change - RRD 92-235  
and its affect on Radio Control  
modeling in this country.

Sir I am a modeler and Love  
this sport, I have invested alot  
in equipment please do not ruin  
it for us hobbist.

We were moved to this set  
at first we were in a modeler

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE TOM SAWYER:

AS A RADIO CONTROLLED AIRPLANE BUILDER AND FLIER I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE CHANGES UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS AS SET DOWN BY DOCKET 92-235. IF ADOPTED. THE NEW RULES WILL GREATLY REDUCE THE USABILITY OF FREQUENCIES CURRENTLY ASSIGNED FOR MODEL USE AND INCREASE THE RISK OF ACCIDENTS AND UNDUE LIABILITY FOR CONTROLLING MODEL AIRPLANES.

THE RADIO CONTROL FREQUENCIES ARE IN THE 72-76 MHZ BAND. THIS BAND IS PRIMARILY USED FOR PRIVATE LAND MOBILE DISPATCH OPERATIONS. HOWEVER, OUR RADIO CONTROL FREQUENCIES IN THIS BAND ARE FAR ENOUGH APART FROM THE LAND MOBILE FREQUENCIES THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SHARE THE BAND WITHOUT EITHER USE INTERFERING WITH THE OTHER.

FCC WOULD LIKE TO CREATE MORE LAND MOBILE FREQUENCIES BY SPLITTING THEM INTO NARROWER BANDWIDTHS AND REARRANGING THE BAND PLAN. AS A RESULT, MANY LAND MOBILE FREQUENCIES WILL MOVE CLOSER TO THE RADIO CONTROL FREQUENCIES AND CAUSE INTERFERENCE TO RADIO CONTROL OPERATIONS. I AM TOLD THAT OF THE 50 FREQUENCIES THAT ARE PRESENTLY AVAILABLE FOR RADIO CONTROL OF MODEL AIRPLANES, ONLY 19 FREQUENCIES WILL BE LEFT IF THESE NEW RULES ARE ADOPTED.

WHEN WE FLY OUR MODEL AIRPLANES UNDER RADIO CONTROL, WE GO TO GREAT LENGTHS TO ASSURE THE SAFETY OF THE OPERATORS AND OBSERVERS AND THE PROTECTION OF PROPERTY. MANY OF OUR SAFETY PRECAUTIONS INVOLVE THE CAREFUL COORDINATION AND USE OF THE RADIO CONTROL FREQUENCIES. IF THE NUMBER OF USABLE FREQUENCIES IS REDUCED AS PROPOSED BY FCC (PR DOCKET 92-235), THE REMAINING FREQUENCIES WILL BECOME VERY CONGESTED AND THE MARGIN OF SAFETY WILL BE SEVERELY REDUCED.

SOME OF THE PLANES THAT WE FLY HAVE WING SPANS OF UP TO 10 FEET AND WEIGH AS MUCH AS 30 TO 40 POUNDS. A MODEL OF THIS SIZE COULD WELL BE WORTH 8 TO 12 HUNDRED DOLLARS. VERY FEW PLANES WITH A 60 INCH WING SPAN ARE WORTH LESS THAN 2 HUNDRED DOLLARS. EITHER SIZE PLANE IS CAPABLE OF CAUSING PROPERTY DAMAGE, AND SERIOUS INJURY. THIS IS WHY MOST OF US BELONG TO FLYING CLUBS SO WE CAN RENT FIELDS WHICH ARE ISOLATED FROM HOUSING, THIS MAKES IT SAFER FOR EVERYONE, HOWEVER BEING ISOLATED FROM HOUSING DOES NOT HELP WITH THE PROBLEMS WE COULD HAVE WITH THE POSSIBLE INTERFERENCE CAUSED BY THE PROPOSAL OF FCC IN THE FORM OF PR DOCKET 92-235. WE OFTEN FLY OUR MODELS AT ORGANIZED EVENTS AT WHICH HUNDREDS OF OPERATORS

PARTICIPATE. WE NEED THE USE OF OUR FULL COMPLEMENT OF RADIO FREQUENCIES IN ORDER TO ASSURE A SAFE FLYING ENVIRONMENT.

I DO NOT THINK IT IS FAIR FOR FCC TO SEEK TO IMPROVE THE OPERATING CONDITIONS OF LAND MOBILE RADIO USERS AT THE EXPENSE OF RADIO CONTROL MODELERS. THE FCC MAY NOT THINK WE ARE AS IMPORTANT AS BUSINESS USERS OF RADIO, BUT WE HAVE A CONSIDERABLE INVESTMENT IN OUR MODELS AND IN OUR RADIO EQUIPMENT. THE HOBBY PROVIDES MANY HOURS OF ENJOYMENT TO THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF AND CONTRIBUTES TO THE ADVANCEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMERCIAL AVIATION INDUSTRY.

AS YOU MAY HAVE GUESSED BY NOW THE PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER IS TO APPEAL TO YOU TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST FCC PR DOCKET 92-235 SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO ENJOY OUR FINE HOBBY SAFELY.

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SINCERELY, *Joseph Vance*  
PRESIDENT OF SUMMIT COUNTY-  
CLOUD DUSTERS, MODEL AIRPLANE  
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February 22, 1993

The Honorable Tom Sawyer  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Proposed Rule Making: PR Docket 92-235

Dear Representative Sawyer: *Tom*

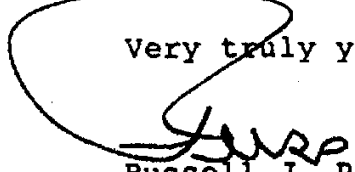
I am writing to call to your attention a serious concern I have about the FCC's intended proposed rule making as indicated in the above reference. The proposed rule making will have a profound and negative effect on the radio control model hobby. The radio control model airplane hobby has been part of my life since I was 12 years old. Indeed, all of my children are active in the hobby as young adults. I fly between 400 and 500 radio control model airplane flights every year and am a life member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics. I am also coincidentally a retired naval aviator. Therefore, aviation has been a part of my life for all of my adult years. I have invested thousands of dollars in radio equipment over the years, and maintain six to eight radio control model airplanes at any given point in time. My summers are spent going to contests and other outings in connection with this hobby. Indeed, it is my primary source of recreation and craft interest.

The proposed rule making will make it impossible for radio control model aircraft to be flown on the currently assigned FCC radio bands. I have no idea why after a recent agreement with the FCC, they have now chosen to attack the RC model hobby in this way. However, our hobby has 100,000 plus members actively involved as members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, and a significant industry underpins that hobby. To make it impossible or nearly impossible to fly model airplanes, or operate model boats and cars in this country would be a huge mistake. Indeed, this hobby is enjoyed worldwide as evidenced by the many international competitions both here in this country, as well as in other parts of the world.

I most significantly urge that the proposed rule making be dropped and that the frequencies set aside for radio control model use be preserved for the long term.

Thank you for consideration of this urgent request.

Very truly yours,

  
Russell J. Petersen  
Dean  
Life Member of Academy of  
Model Aeronautics L97386

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February 3, 1993

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The Honorable Tom Sawyer  
U S House of Reps.  
Washington DC 20515

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February 5, 1993

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United States Senate  
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2-18-93  
MICHAEL SULLIVAN  
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FEB 23 1993

MR. Sawyer:

I am a veteran and a  
retired disabled Firefighter. Please

been interested in flight.

Therefore let me ask that you respond to the decent people who need your help.

We are asking that you not remove the margin of safety from this hobby by not injecting new frequencies in our realm.

Also the industry and the individual clubs ask government to help us find flying sites to broaden our horizons.